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U.S. Utility Patent Application

Inventor:

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Title:

A Method Of Marking Solid Or Liquid Substances With Nucleic Acid

For Anti-Counterfeiting And Authentication

Sir:

The above-identified utility patent application, which is a continuation-in-part of US Patent Application No. 09/832,048, filed April 9, 2001, is transmitted herewith for filing:

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